

REPUBLICANS FACE A CRISIS

THE SITUATION IN THE HOUSE GROWING MORE ACUTE.

The statement regarding the insurgents out of the party is likely to cause a lively row, although it was not authorized by the Congress Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—On all sides in Washington the opinion is held that the Republican party is facing a crisis. The state of feeling between what are known as regular Republicans in the Senate and House on one hand and insurgents or self-styled progressives on the other is intense. The Taft Administration has not taken a definite stand as between the two factions, but predictions are being made that it cannot long defer a declaration and confidence is felt that it will throw its influence to the side of the regulars.

More than the mere personal fortunes of President Taft is involved in the situation. The future of the party itself is held to be concerned. It is a house divided against itself, or more literally, with sole application to Congress conditions, two houses each divided against itself. Then there is the other house—the White House—to be reckoned with.

The insurgent movement is widespread in the West. Its advocates in the national Congress are seeking to obtain recognition and victory by combinations with the Democrats. They have gained some advantage in the House of Representatives by the combinations. All this is at the expense of party harmony, and unless something is done soon to check the confusion the Republican party will go into the Congress campaign this year with poorer prospects of success than it has had for a long time.

There may be the liveliest kind of a row among the regular Republicans of the House over the statement given out at the headquarters of the Republican Congressional committee and printed in THE SUN to-day, in which notice was given that the insurgents were little better than Democrats and that their recent activities placed them outside the pale of the party. It became known to-day that this statement, which kicked up a lot of excitement at the Capitol, was not authorized by the Republican Congressional committee as represented but was given out for publication by Representatives William McKinley of Ohio and Henry C. Loudenslager of New Jersey, chairman and secretary respectively of the committee.

The first intimation that the statement which has aroused the insurgent was not authorized by the committee itself but by some of its officers came from Vice-Chairman James A. Tawney, of Minnesota.

The statement that appeared in the newspaper this morning purporting to come from the Republican Congressional committee never came under my eye until I saw it in print," said Representative Tawney.

That is all Mr. Tawney would say on the subject. He refused to say whether he approved of the sentiments expressed or regarded the action of Chairman McKinley and Secretary Loudenslager as improper.

Following the publication of the statement came reports that it had been approved by President Taft. There is little or no evidence in support of these reports, although it is believed that the President read the statement before it was given to the public.

A caucus of the Republicans will be held on Wednesday night to ratify the selections of the various State delegations of their nominees to the Congressional committee. The insurgents will take advantage of the opportunity to say some sharp things about Chairman McKinley and Secretary Loudenslager and the affair may wind up in a fight.

An effort doubtless will be made by the insurgents to ascertain whether the sentiments expressed in the document bearing the label of the Republican Congressional committee are entertained by President Taft. Some of the regulars declare that the statement sets forth precisely what is in the President's mind as to the insurgents, they add, drastic action by the Administration to beat the insurgents into line or drive them out of the party.

If Speaker Cannon would only make a statement that he is satisfied with the honors that have been heaped upon him in his long career in public life and would not be a candidate for reelection to the Speakership of the Sixty-second Congress it would please a good many of his friends in Congress who are now in imminent danger of losing their political scalps by reason of their known loyalty to him.

One of the biggest Republicans in the House, a man who is respected by Republicans and Democrats alike for his ability as a member and his integrity as a man, said to-day that he had no doubt he would lose his nomination in his district next fall. Another of the House leaders has repeatedly made a statement, not for publication, to the same effect. Yet neither of these men has the slightest idea of coming out either for public or private official effect with any statement remotely resembling this.

"I might save my neck," said one of the two to-day, "if I did that sort of thing, but I won't. I like this job I've got representing the people of my district and I would be mighty sorry to lose it, but if the worst comes to the worst I can go back to practicing law in my State. I always can make a good living at that. One thing is certain. When I am all alone and go to my room at night and go to bed with myself I want to be blamed certain that I have a decent bedfellow."

This member was commenting on the recent performance of Representative Taylor of Ohio, who being appointed by Speaker Cannon to a post on the Appropriations Committee, one of the most desirable places in all the committee list of the House, came out the other day with a statement that he would not vote for Mr. Cannon for Speaker of the Sixty-second Congress and inferentially that he opposed Mr. Cannon and the so-called leaders of Cannonism. Mr. Taylor made a lot of enemies by that statement. Even continued on Second Page.

BOSTON VOTES TO-DAY.

Hottest and Most Expensive Campaign for Mayor Closed Last Night.

BOSTON, Jan. 10.—To-night brought to a close the bitterest municipal campaign ever waged in this city. The outcome of the Mayoralty fight is in doubt. Of the four candidates anxious to be the first Mayor under the new charter, which means a term of four years unless they go wrong in two and are recalled by the voters, only two, James J. Storrow and John F. Fitzgerald, stand any chance of election.

Mayor Hibbard has been unable to make a vigorous campaign, but it is probable that he will receive a much larger vote than his enemies believe possible. Nathaniel H. Taylor, the "Square Deal" candidate, will probably receive fewer than 5,000 votes. No one can with safety make any prediction as to the outcome of the battle between Fitzgerald and Storrow, to-day there was a manifest air of confidence among the former's workers and all the Storrow cash-in-sight was covered at even money. His closest backers say he will win by a 1,000 plurality. The Storrow people express confidence and assert that the "little General" will find his Waterloo to-morrow.

Never before has so much money been wagered on an election in this State. In most of the brokers' offices there has been betting and a conservative estimate places the amount at stake at \$250,000. Storrow admits that he has spent a large sum in trying to be elected. Rumors are that his wealthy pocketbook has been lightened to the extent of \$500,000. Pages of advertising have been used in the newspapers; all the dead walls, billboards and other spaces have been plastered with likenesses of the banker candidate.

The mails have been loaded with circulars and house to house canvasses have been made in his interest. Automobiles, headquarters in each ward, bands, red fire, hall rent and other incidentals have cost money and many pseudo political clubs have pulled Storrow's leg for pianos, roll top desks and such.

AMERICAN JEWELRY FOUND.

Likewise Trio Arrested Who Robbed the Whites of Rivercrest in London.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 10.—In the Marylebone police court, to-day, George Wentworth, Frederick Wentworth and Bertie Smoker, respectively porter, butler and pantryman at a boarding house in Leinster gardens, Baywater, were charged with selling a diamond and pearl ring, set with a diamond and a necklace valued at \$500 from J. Francis White of the Rivercrest, Fort Washington avenue, New York, who with his wife was a guest at the house.

The ring and pins were found on George Wentworth when the trio were arrested. All three were remanded. Mr. and Mrs. White sailed for New York last Saturday.

JOB HOLDERS MUSTN'T SMOKE.

And Must Work for The Bronx Until 5 P. M.—Three Haffen Men Quit.

Cyrus C. Miller, Bronx Borough President, has prohibited smoking in The Bronx Municipal Building. He explained yesterday: "The building is a modern one, but is not fireproof. There are a lot of fire records worth a million dollars and which could not be replaced. I believe it the duty of the Borough President to use every precaution for their safety."

Another notice posted up was that business will not suspend at 4 P. M., as formerly, but that the business day will run from 9 A. M. sharp to 5 P. M. The resignations of three Haffenites were accepted yesterday. They are Superintendent of Public Buildings Albert H. Liebenau, Superintendent of Highways Peter J. Stumpf and Chief Engineer Josiah A. Briggs. They had held over in hope of reappointment, it was said, but were notified that their places would be filled.

Roger W. Bligh was announced some time ago as the man who would fill Liebenau's job, but he has not yet been appointed and it is thought that there may be a hitch. Bligh was attacked a short time ago in a Bronx newspaper as a saloon owner.

SUFFRAGETTE SKIRMISHES.

Mrs. Haverfield Won't Pay to Go to Jail—Breached Prisoners Sues—Spilled Ballots.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 10.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, who was sentenced on January 6 to a month's imprisonment for leading a suffragette raid in an effort to present a petition to the Premier last July.

Mrs. Haverfield is in the north of England and calmly refuses to come to London, saying she can see no reason why she should pay the expenses of the journey.

Mrs. Davidson, the suffragette who barricaded herself in her cell in Strangways jail at Manchester and was drenched with water from a hose, has sued the visiting justices for \$500 damages. The case was heard to-day counsel for the justices held that the "hosing" was justified. The Court took the question under advisement.

In a number of constituencies the suffragettes have appealed to the electors to mark their ballots for the candidates and for the principles they prefer, but to write across the face of the paper the words "Votes for Women."

It is added: "This of course will spoil your paper and cancel your vote, but you will be sure your message is registered."

AUTO WRECK KILLS THREE.

Machine Running at High Speed Crashes Into a Trolley Car.

ATLANTA, Jan. 10.—Frank and Harold Garper, brothers, and their friend W. R. Garper, three of the most prominent young men in Atlanta, were killed instantly late this afternoon when a touring car in which they were speeding out Peachtree road was torn to pieces by a trolley car.

W. H. George, father of the George boys, and F. S. Gable, who were also in the automobile, were injured seriously and may not recover.

Henry Johnson, motorman on the trolley car, was badly but not fatally injured. HAY YOU TRIED DEWEY'S CHAMPAGNE? "But you can't get it here." H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 136 Fulton St., New York.

MARRIED TO HER CHAUFFEUR

MISS LEAVITT DIDN'T ASK HER PARENTS' CONSENT.

Runaway Lovers Went to Jersey City to Have the Knot Tied—Took Along Thomas Date as Best Man—Courtship Along the Pleasant Long Island Roads.

Miss Margaret H. Leavitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howland Leavitt of Bay Side, L. I., was married to Joseph F. Smollen, her chauffeur, last Thursday at a German Lutheran parsonage in Jersey City. The bride told her mother on Sunday of the marriage and now the young couple are away on their honeymoon.

G. Howland Leavitt is a railroad man and banker who has a summer place called Shore Acres at Bay Side. He has a home at 141 Bowne avenue, Flushing. His town office is at 52 Broadway. Mrs. Howland is a Miss Willets, daughter of Robert Willets and granddaughter of Samuel Willets, who in his time was reputed to be the richest Quaker in this city.

The bride is 25 years old. She is attractive and a blonde. Last summer she became an enthusiastic automobilist and her father bought her a six cylinder car and engaged Joseph F. Smollen as chauffeur. Smollen is 21 years old. He is a good mechanic.

His mother, a widow, lives on Second street, Bay Side, and his brother, Walter, used to run a laundry in that village. The inhabitants of the village have nothing but good words for young Smollen. At one time he was chauffeur for Jim Corbett.

Smollen instructed Miss Leavitt how to run her new car and the car was much seen on the roads on Long Island, mostly in the neighborhood of Bay Side. Miss Leavitt and Smollen were together so much that they attracted attention and caused some gossip, but the gossip did not reach the ears of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howland Leavitt or other members of the family.

About six weeks ago Mr. Leavitt said that he was going to have the automobile put in storage for the winter, but Miss Leavitt objected strenuously and said that it would mean that Smollen would be out of employment. Mr. Leavitt, however, insisted, but he got for Smollen a place with an automobile concern as a demonstrator. Smollen moved to the city and took a room in West Eighty-third street.

Last Wednesday Smollen visited his mother at Bay Side. On Thursday morning Miss Leavitt came to the city and was met by Smollen, who had with him Thomas Date, a friend of hers. She was his husband of Ada Date, the actress. Just now he is valet to Jim Corbett and is a friend of Smollen. The party went to Jersey City, where Miss Leavitt and Smollen were married. Date was best man.

After the ceremony the bride returned to her home and Smollen to his work. The news of the wedding became noised about at Bay Side and Flushing, and reached the ears of Mrs. Leavitt on Sunday. She asked her daughter about the rumors and the daughter confessed that they were true.

Early yesterday morning Mrs. Smollen left her mother's home and came to town. She was met in Long Island City by her husband in a taxicab, on which were several trunks and pieces of baggage, and the two started off on their honeymoon. It is thought, to Atlantic City.

Charles S. Meyer, a son of Cord Meyer, who is also a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howland Leavitt, as he is married to Sara W. Leavitt, a sister of the bride, gave out a statement last night on behalf of the family. He said: "Miss Leavitt went away from her home without the knowledge or consent of her parents and was married in Jersey City by a clergyman whose name we do not know on January 8. She then came back and said nothing about the marriage. On Sunday Mrs. Leavitt, hearing reports that her daughter was married, took her to task and she admitted that it was true. She left the house this morning for Manhattan, where she was met by her husband, and the two have gone South."

NAVY LAUNCH FOUND AT SEA.

It Broke Adrift on Nov. 7, 1909, and Had Drifted About 600 Miles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The United Fruit Company's steamer Parianina, flying between Central American ports and New Orleans, on her last trip picked up at sea and brought into New Orleans navy launch No. 418. It had drifted about 600 miles. She found the launch in latitude 22 degrees 12 minutes north, longitude 88 degrees 35 minutes west. The launch belonged to the Cape Casilda surveying expedition and broke adrift from a tug about November 7, 1909, in bad weather while being towed from Guantanamo to Nuevora, Cuba. There were no men on board when the boat went adrift.

INDIGNANT ALDERMEN.

Four Brooklyn Democrats Refuse to Consult With President Steers.

President Steers of Brooklyn borough invited the local Aldermen to meet him in his office yesterday to discuss plans for carrying out the various improvements for the borough. All the Republican Aldermen were on hand, but four of the Democratic members declined the invitation. They were Heffernan, Mesger, Finnegan and McAleer.

Heffernan had advised his Democratic associates to ignore the invitation of President Steers on the ground that he had insulted his party by accepting a Republican nomination through spite over his failure to be reappointed a Police Magistrate. Heffernan, however, failed to follow his advice, and they attended the conference.

CARRIE NATION SUES FOR MOVING PICTURE TAKES.

Carrie National has brought suit against the Fox National enterprises, controlling a string of moving picture houses, to get her pay for three weeks lectures, four times a day, twenty minutes each, for which she says she was to get \$3,000.

She says that after she had delivered all this talk against the Fox concern offered her less than \$500.

BABIES' NURSES ON STRIKE.

Wanted to Be Called Miss Instead of Merely Mary Ann—Quit Hospital.

Twenty-seven nursemaids in the Childs Hospital at 571 Lexington avenue, corner of Fifty-first street, walked out yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock because they wanted to be addressed individually as "Miss" instead of being called merely "Mary Ann" or whatever they had been christened. The girls are from 18 to 20 years old. Their duties were to take care of the forty babies that are in the hospital. For these services the girls received from \$5 to \$7 a month, besides board and washing.

About a week ago Miss Hill came to the hospital as graduate or head nurse. She had been formerly at the Polyclinic Hospital, 214 East Thirty-fourth street. She made a great hit with the twenty-seven little maids, among whom were Minnie Rooney, Maggie O'Rourke, Julia Carroll, Mary McCabe and Nellie Meer. These begged Miss Hill to approach Miss J. A. Hunt, the superintendent of the hospital, and tell her what was weighing on their minds. Miss Hill consented and did go to Miss Hunt with the petition from the twenty-seven. Miss Hunt refused to accede, and when Miss Hill so reported the girls held an indignation meeting and decided to quit. They quit, accompanied by Miss Hill, leaving only three nurses to look after the babies. Miss Hunt had to call up nurses' agency and managed to get three night and two day nurses.

In the meanwhile the strikers held a conference in Fifth street between Lexington and Third avenues. At 6 o'clock three or four of the girls went into the East Fifty-first street police station and told Lieut. McAnis that Miss Hunt had their clothes. The lieutenant told them to go home and not to worry, as Miss Hunt would not doubt give them their clothes. Miss Hunt said later that all the clothes were in the laundry, which had to work overtime last night to clean o'clock to-day by applying at the hospital.

AVIATION MEET OPENS.

Paulhan, Curtiss, Willard and Hamilton Make Flights.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Three thousand persons to-day witnessed the opening of the first aviation meet of the Aero Club of California.

Ascents were made by Louis Paulhan, C. F. Willard, Glenn H. Curtiss and C. K. Hamilton in aeroplanes and by Roy Knabenshue and Lincoln Beach in dirigibles. The balloons Nemo, piloted by Clifford B. Harman, and Peoria, piloted by Capt. Kane, ascended from Huntington, four and a half miles away. The balloons drifted directly over the aviation field and then proceeded westward toward the sea. They travelled forty miles and descended near Sawtelle.

Louis Paulhan in a Farman biplane won the prize for the best performance of the day. He made three flights covering a total of nineteen miles. Glenn Curtiss made two flights covering a total distance of two miles and was in the air three and one half minutes. C. K. Hamilton, using a Curtiss biplane, was in the air three minutes, covering one and one-fourth miles.

C. F. Willard was aloft two minutes with the original Curtiss biplane with which the inventor won the world's championship at Reims. Hiscorol and Massan did not attempt flights and the Blériot monoplane was not sent up. Over a dozen patterns of aeroplanes were on the field, many of which are of local invention.

SENDS SONS TO PRISON.

Policeman Catches His Boys Robbing Store and Prosecutes Them.

ATLANTA, Jan. 10.—C. G. Reese and Leonard Reese, brothers and sons of G. T. Reese of the Atlanta police force, were convicted of burglary this afternoon on their father's evidence and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The boys were arrested by their father in the act of robbing a store last Friday night and he appeared in court as prosecutor. The elder Reese is giving evidence said: "I tried to raise my boys right and they nearly killed me when I found them trying to rob the store, but I feel it was my duty under my oath as an officer to arrest them and prosecute. I told them they were guilty and they must take their punishment."

"There is indeed a real man," said Judge Rhea, when the elder Reese had finished speaking, "and an officer who has the highest possible regard for his oath. He deserves to rank with the old Roman Judge who condemned his own son."

A case of Spartan virtue and like some story from the Old Testament," said Solicitor-General Charles D. Hill.

COURT HAS ITS OWN TROUBLES.

And Won't Borrow for Uncle Sam Those of New York State.

Judge Lacombe of the United States Circuit Court has directed that the claim of the Second Avenue Railroad Company against the New York City and Metropolitan Street Railway companies for the use of its lines from June 1 to November 12, 1908, under lease to the Metropolitan company, be referred to a special master. All money found to be due the Second Avenue company must be paid only to George W. Linch, the receiver of that line.

"How he shall distribute that money," adds the Court, "is a matter for the determination of the State court, which appointed him. It would be indecorous for us to undertake even to indicate such distribution; besides which we have troubles enough of our own without borrowing those of a receivership which this Court did not create."

BISHOPS TO RULE ON MARRIAGES.

Pope Pius X. Gives Them New Powers in a Decree Entitled "De Episcopis."

A Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 10.—A dispatch from Rome to the Central News says the publication is announced of a papal decree entitled "De Episcopis" which grants important powers to Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, including the right to settle all questions relating to the marriage of Roman Catholics without reference to the Pope.

PRESENTLY THE FLORIDA ROUTE.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R., the standard railway of the South, four great trains daily. S. O. A., 128, 325 and 925 P. M. R. W. way, cor. 5th St., Ad.

PITCHES WOMEN DOWN STAIRS

NEGRO FLAT THIEF FIGHTS HIS WAY OUT WITH JIMMY.

Man Whose Home He Was Robbing Slides Past Him on the Stair Hall—The Robber Jabs and Breaks His Hand—Chased Through Street and Caught.

De Witt Harris, a cashier of the Hancock Insurance Company at 13 Astor place, heard a scuffling inside his apartment on the third floor of 136 West Seventy-third street as he and his wife were about to enter at 7 o'clock last night. The servants were out and Mr. Harris reasoned that some one was robbing the place.

He asked his wife to remain on the stairs while he went into the apartment to see what was the matter. Going through all of the rooms he found nothing. He was about to tell Mrs. Harris that they had been fooled when he threw open a closet door.

In the closet facing Mr. Harris with a chisel in his hand stood a tall, broad shouldered negro. He lunged at Harris with the chisel, but Harris got out of his way. Harris tried hard to grab the chisel but the negro was the stronger.

Mrs. Harris heard the struggle and called for help. Mrs. L. M. Van Riper, who has an apartment on the first floor, came running up, but at that moment the negro freed himself from Harris and leaped down the stairs. He knocked Mrs. Harris down the stairs backward and hit Mrs. Van Riper a blow in the chest that caused her to roll down the flight between the first and second floors.

Harris did not take time to pick up the two women but slid down the handrail of both flights and reached the first floor before the negro. Before he could throw his leg over the handrail the negro tried to stab him. Instead of hitting Harris he broke several bones of his hand by striking it against a lamp post at the foot of the stairs. The lamp was smashed and the glass flew in all directions.

The negro leaped out of the front door, Harris followed and before he had gone very far was joined by several other men. The bulky fugitive ran across Seventy-third street through Sherman Square up to the Ansonia Hotel, then whirled down Seventy-fourth street. His pursuers caught up with him. Harris kicked him in the shins and he fell so heavily that he was knocked out. Four policemen got him to the West Sixty-eighth street station. He said he was William Robinson, 22 years old, of 217 West Sixty-second street.

In his pocket were the chisel, a woman's gold watch and chain, a necklace with a small diamond and a diamond ring Mrs. Van Riper, whose apartment he had sacked before visiting the Harries, identified everything but the chisel as hers and made a charge of grand larceny against Robinson. He was also held for illegal entry on the complaint of Mr. Harris.

Robinson was in such bad shape that he had to be taken to a hospital.

HOW HE GOT A FUR COAT.

Bought an Automobile, and the Greater Obscured the Lem.

Samuel Kious, who says he is a mining engineer of Boston, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Swann in General Sessions to a year in the penitentiary because he went into a Broadway automobile agency with the ostensible purpose of buying an automobile and got away with the proprietor's fur overcoat. He picked out a car, wrote a check for \$1,475 on the Chase National Bank and asked to have the running of the car demonstrated to him. It was a cold day and he borrowed the fur coat. The chauffeur returned a few hours later without customer or coat. He said Kious had gone into a place to get warm and had escaped by another door. The check was worthless.

ENTER JOHN SMITH, ALIVE.

Though His Wife Had Buried a Body She Thought Was His.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of 426 East Seventeenth street went to the Morgue a week ago Friday and asked to see a body there answering a description of her husband, who had been missing since December 28. A body was shown her, but she could make no positive identification. She returned the next day and the body was identified as her husband by her daughter and son-in-law. On Sunday the funeral took place.

Last night Mrs. Smith, her daughter and some friends were in their apartment when in walked John Smith, the man supposed to have been buried. He said he had been taken ill on December 29 and carried to Bellevue. He was sent to Blackwell's Island the next day. He asked to have his family notified, but they said they had had no word from Bellevue Hospital.

The mistake in identification was due to scars on the body of the dead man which resembled scars on Smith's body. The identity of the man buried in Calvary Cemetery has not been discovered. He was found lying in the street with a fractured skull on December 29. He died on January 5.

COSTLY BLAZE IN HOBOKEN.

Factory Covering a Block Wiped Out, With Loss Estimated at \$210,000.

All Hoboken shoked and spluttered for several hours last night while a pall of smoke hung over the city. A fire in the Oriental Hotel Bed Company's big plant in Eighth street caused the trouble. The plant occupied an entire block and it was practically destroyed, with a loss estimated at \$210,000. The fire started in a paint shop in the basement just after the hands had left the building for the day. It gained headway rapidly and soon got to the four upper stories. Three alarms were turned in and all the fire apparatus that could be got to the factory was sent out. Explosions from five large paint tanks added to the difficulties of the fire.

Bapt. Aaron Hill, who lives in East Orange, said that the work of rebuilding the factory would begin at once. He said that a large stock was on hand for spring deliveries, which added to the aggregate of the loss.

THOMAS F. WALSH VERY ILL.

Physicians From New York and Baltimore in Conference.

Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado mining man, is very ill at his home at Massachusetts avenue and Twenty-first street, Washington. Dr. Charles Wainwright and Dr. Janeway of New York were called there yesterday for a consultation with two physicians from Baltimore, who had been attending Mr. Walsh for the last week. Both Dr. Janeway and Dr. Wainwright will return to Washington to-day for another consultation.

Mr. Walsh has not been a well man for six weeks, but his condition was not considered serious until a week ago. The physicians who are attending refuse to discuss the nature of the case, but say that they are hopeful.

PROPOSED OLD AGE PENSION.

Courtesy of Missouri Would Transplant to This Country the English Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Representative Courdey of Missouri wants to transplant to this country the English scheme of old age pension for everybody. He introduced a bill in the House to-day which if it becomes a law will make it the duty of the Government to pay a weekly pension to every man in the United States who can show continual residence in this country of a score of years or more and whose income is not more than \$153 a year. If the septuagenarian's income is less than \$102 a year he is to receive \$12.24 a month. Then the amounts graduate until, if it is \$140 a year, he is to receive less than 25 cents a week. No one with an income from all sources of more than \$153 a year is to participate in the benefits of the old age pension.

MUST BE REGULAR OR GET OUT.

Republican Senate Leaders Give Warning to the Insurgents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Republican leaders of the Senate have decided that in every legislative matter over which there is party division through the opposition of the insurgent Senators a caucus shall be held to determine the course to be pursued. If Republican Senators refuse to abide by the action of the caucus the majority will regard that course as tantamount to separation from the Republican party.

PLOT TO KILL KING MANUEL.

Forty Portuguese Republicans Arrested in Lisbon—Shots About the Palace.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LISBON, Jan. 10.—According to the newspaper reports the police of this city have unearthed a Republican plot against the life of King Manuel. Forty arrests have been made, including a number of persons who are believed to have been implicated in the murder of the late King Carlos of Portugal.

As a result of the recent revelations the garrison at the palace has been strengthened and the greatest vigilance is exercised. Sentinels fired last night on several suspicious persons who were seen lurking near the palace.

THEATRES MUST BE SAFE.

Crocker to See That Audiences Are Protected Against Fire.

Fire Commissioner Waldo instructed Chief Crocker yesterday to make a thorough inspection of all theatres, motion picture places and public halls to learn if they are properly equipped with a fire apparatus, exits, red lights and other precautions required by law. The Commissioner is not satisfied with the information in possession of the Fire Department in regard to the safety of the audiences in those places. The investigation will be especially thorough in the case of moving picture shows, where women and children make up most of the audience. Many old buildings have been altered to make moving picture theatres.

The Commissioner will preside at all trials of delinquent firemen hereafter. The Deputy Commissioner has been acting as judge and referring his findings to